

ATTACHMENT B

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 8, 2004, and without addressing the arguments of the Examiner therein, Applicants elect the species "b" from the Restriction Requirement, namely, the material of Claim 17. As per the Restriction, this species is elected only in the case that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In accordance with this election, Applicants have proceeded to cancel Claim 16 without prejudice.

In response to the Examiner's request, the Claims readable upon the elected species include 11, 13, 15 and 17.

Applicants thus request Examination of the present claims in light of the elections above, and allowance of the present application at the earliest possible time.

END REMARKS